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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 12461

FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJ: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SITUATION
IN PHNOM PENH FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 1973.

	NOV 5	NOV 6	NOV 7	NOV 8
BEGINNING STOCK	6,969.1	6,479.1	7,291.2	8,091.2
AIRLIFT ROUTE 5	---	---	---	---
ROUTE 4	93.1	---	---	---
MEKONG	---	1,3000.0	1,344.0	---
RECEIVED FROM MILL	131.2	152.1	49.8	34.1

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TOTAL AVAILABLE 7,193.4 7,931.2 8,685.0 8,125.3

LESS DISTRIBUTION	709.2	640,0	593.88\$	647.5
BALANCE	6,484.2	7,291.2	8,091.2	7,477.8
LESS ADJUSTMENT	5.1	---	---	---
BALANCE	6,479.1	7,291.2	8,091.2	7,477.8

	NOV 9	NOV 10	NOV 11
BEGINNING STOCK	7,477.8	6,973.4	6,273.8
AIRLIFT ROUTE 5	---	---	---
ROUTE 4	---	---	---
MEKONG	---	---	3,683.0
RECEIVED FROM MILL	57.9	22.8	---
TOTAL AVAILABLE	7,535.7	6,996.2	9,956.8
LESS DISTRIBUTION	538.5	710.2	---
BALANCE	6,997.2	6,286.0	9,956.8
LESS ADJUSTMENT	23.8	12.2	---
BALANCE	6,973.4	6,273.8	9,956.8

2. STOCK POSITIONS. AT COB NOVEMBER 11, PHNOM PENH HAD A TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF 9,956.8 M/T OF RICE, BROKEN RICE, AND PADDY IN RICE EQUIVALENT. THE ABOVE FIGURE IS SUBJECT TO FINAL CONFIRMATION UPON COMPLETION OF DELIVERY TO GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSES OF SHIPMENTS WHICH ARRIVED VIA THE MEKONG DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	VESSEL/BARGE	ORIGIN	M/T
11/6	HWA SUN	SVN	1,300
11/7	BARGES 201/17-21-24-28	SVN	1,344
11/11	BONANZA	THAILAND	1,800
11/11	TCS 67	SVN	1,883
	TOTAL		6,327

PROJECTED ARRIVALS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 12 AND 20 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	ETA	MEKONG		
VESSEL/BARGE	ORIGIN	M/T	PHNOM PENH	CONVOY
ADRIANA	THAILAND	2,200	11/16	REGULAR
TCS 66	SVN	1,817	1/16	REGULAR
WING PENG	(THAILAND	750)	11/20	SPECIAL

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(SVN 1,000)
TOTAL 5,767

THE ABOVE SPECIAL CONVOY IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED O/A NOVEMBER 20 TO MOVE ALSO KOREAN RICE WHICH HAS BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN SAIGON. THE NEW KEELONG IS PRESENTLY DISCHARGING 4,745 M/T THERE FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO PHNOM PENH. THE ENDURANCE ARRIVES SAIGON NOVEMBER 13 WITH 3,737 M/T OF WHICH 1,500 TONS WILL BE TRANSSHIPPED BEFORE

THE VESSEL SAILS TO PHNOM PENH WITH THE BALANCE OF 2,237 M/T.
USAID/SAIGON HAS LINED UP SEVERAL VESSELS TO EXPEDITE THANSSHIP-
MENTS IN SAIGON.

3. DISTRIBUTION. AT A PROJECTED RATE OF 600 M/T PER DAY, THE STOCK
ON NOVEMBER 11 CORRESPONDED TO A 16.6 DAYS' SUPPLY. DURING THE
REPORTING PERIOD, DAILY DISTRIBUTION AVERAGED 548.4 M/T. FOR THE
10-DAY PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 11 THE DAILY AVERAGE WAS 510 M/T
OR 65 M/T LESS THAN THE DAILY QUOTE SET BY THE NATIONAL RICE COM-
MITTEE ON NOVEMBER 1. AT THE SAME TIME, CONSUMERS DISSATISFACTION
WITH THE RICE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (AS WELL AS PRICES) CONTINUES
TO GROW TO THE POINT THAT IN FEAR OF DEMONSTRATIONS THE GKR IS
ADVOCATING A DAILY QUOTA OF 650 M/T FOR THIS WEEK.
THE NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE IS ENDEAVORING TO PLUS SOME OF THE
LEAKS IN THE SYSTEM, BUT ITS EFFORTS ARE HAMPERED BY A LACK OF
COORDINATIN BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE
EXECUTIVE CABINET OF THE PRESIDENT. THE EMBASSY IS VERY MUCH
CONCERNED BY REPORTS THAT SUFFICIENT RICE IS NOT REACHING THE
ILOTS AND HAS SO INFORMED THE GKR. ON AN URGENT BASIS WE HAVE
REQUESTEDAID/W TO SEND TO PHNOM PENH AN EXPERT IN DISTRIBUTION
WHO CAN ASSIST US. ALSO, WE ARE NEARING COMPLETION OF AN END-
USE REVIEW OF THE ILOT SYSTEM OF DISTRIBUTION. DRAWING ON THIS
REVIEW AND OUR OWN EXPERIENCE TO DATE, AND PENDING THE
ASSIGNMENT OF AN EXPERT,WE ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH OUR ANALYSIS
LEADING TO NECESSARY CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN ON
THE PART OF THE GKR.
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